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Quartermaster Center and School  
Fort Lee, VA 23801**

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**MEMORANDUM FOR PRESIDENT, QUARTERMASTER HALL OF FAME  
SELECTION COMMITTEE**

**SUBJECT: Nomination of Major General (Retired) Charles C. Cannon, Jr. to the Quartermaster Hall of Fame**

It is with great pleasure that I nominate MG (Ret) Charles C. Cannon, Jr. to the Quartermaster Hall of Fame. As a highly respected logistician, mentor, and leader, MG Cannon's contributions to the Quartermaster Corps are exemplary. His legacy to the Corps is unequalled and far exceeds the level to be voted into the Hall of Fame.

MG (Ret) Cannon was commissioned a Second Lieutenant from University of Texas in 1967, and was branched Infantry. In 1969 he branch transferred into the Quartermaster Corps where he served in a variety of positions for the next 32 years. He served in multiple CONUS and overseas locations and commanded at all levels up to his final Command as the Commander for Support, IFOR, Zagreb Croatia. After this command, MG Cannon served as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics and later was appointed to the position of Acting Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Army for 18 months. His culminating assignment was as Chief of Staff, Army Materiel Command. He retired after 34 years of selfless service, most of that dedicated to the betterment of the Quartermaster Corps.

During his distinguished 34 year career, MG (Ret) Cannon oversaw logistics operations and made significant improvements at all levels of the Army and other services – tactical to strategic. At the strategic level, as Acting Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Army, he established multiple programs focused on the War fighter ensuring better business practices and Supply Chain Management were at the forefront of all logistics concepts and embedded in the infrastructure throughout the Army for years to come. At the operational level, as Commander for Support, IFOR, he was the driving force in logistically connecting the central region of Europe with Croatia, Bosnia, and beyond with logistics distribution networks. Most notably was the re-opening of the Central European rail line connecting Croatia and Bosnia – started and completed during his tenure as IFOR Support Commander. Additionally, MG (Ret) Cannon proved tremendous influence with NATO contributing countries in the rewrite of the authorization document that provided for the requirements and authorizations of

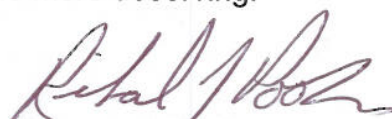
personnel and equipment for IFOR Support Command. After numerous briefings to the NATO leadership, the IFOR Support Command proposed authorization document was the approved document. This document was essential in consolidating disparate units under IFOR Support Command creating improved manning at the appropriate levels and improved Command and Control. At the tactical level, as Commander 3rd COSCOM, he was responsible for the support provided to two Divisions, and Corps non-divisional units. Because of his personal involvement in maintenance and logistics monitoring, during his tenure all units in V Corps met or exceeded DA standards for readiness. During his time in uniform, MG (Ret) Cannon was instrumental in initiating changes in policy, procedure, and doctrine that still benefit the Army today.

Upon leaving the service in 2001, MG (Ret) Cannon has continued to support the Army in both his chosen civilian career and his continuance of volunteering his personal time to support numerous Army and Quartermaster activities

I have known MG (Ret) Cannon my entire Army career as I met him at my first duty station as a Second Lieutenant. I have since served with him in five other assignments. I can attest that he is an outstanding leader, teacher, trainer, mentor, and coach. He is the embodiment of the Army values – and most importantly a personal friend.

This nomination is strongly endorsed by GEN (Ret) Richard H. Thompson, GEN (Ret) Leon E. Solomon, GEN (Ret) John R. Coburn, LTG (Ret) John P. Otjen, LTG (Ret) John Cusick, MG (Ret) Eugene L. Stillions Jr., and LTG Robert T. Dail. They have all worked with him personally, and know the magnitude of his contributions to the Army and the Quartermaster Corps.

MG (Ret) Cannon is a must select for the Quartermaster Hall of Fame. After so many years of service to the Army, he has justly earned this esteemed honor, and in my opinion, there is no one more deserving.



Richard J. Poole  
COL, QM  
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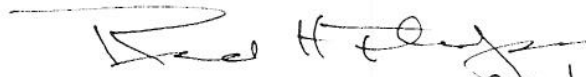
The paper at this time is I offer to the  
strongest possible team my support to the induction  
of MG(R) Charles C. Cannon for induction into the  
Quantum Hall of Fame.

MC Cannon worked almost 40 years in the service  
and he did an extremely job. During his years of  
service I watched his progress. Watching him is a  
small way to say he is really ahead of it.

In my view his future here and his future  
in the Army DCSLOC of the US Army. He passed  
this job with dignity and a high level of professional  
conduct of evaluation.

His induction into the Quantum Hall of  
Fame is not only really ahead but it is  
open to long careers.

Sincerely

  
Gen. US Army (Ret.)

Gen. Richard H. Thompson  
U.S.A. (Retired)  
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14 January 2007

BG Mark Bellini  
The Quartermaster General  
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Mark:

The purpose of this note is to endorse Charlie Cannon's nomination to the Quartermaster Hall of Fame. I've known Charlie since 1982 when he was my DISCOM XO and then my S&T Battalion Commander in the 1st CAV. I know no one more deserving of membership in the Hall of Fame. He knows logistics and has made our Army better by the improvements he personally caused to happen. His work as the Acting DA DCSLOG, under tough conditions, was absolutely marvelous and pace setting.

The top and bottom lines on Charlie Cannon are the same --- he made significant and lasting contributions to all the mission areas of Quartermaster.

Select him to the QM HOF this year. I am proud to be a friend of this great leader, logistician, and Quartermaster for these many years.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leon E. Salomon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'L' and 'S'.

Leon E. Salomon  
General U.S. Army, Retired



18 December 2006

To Whom it May Concern:

I strongly recommend that  
MG(R) Charlie Cannon be immediately  
inducted into the Quartermaster  
Corps Hall of Fame. I know  
of no one more deserving.

John Coburn  
General (R)  
U.S. Army



5 January 2007

Quartermaster Hall of Fame  
Selection Committee

This is to provide my absolute  
strongest support to the  
nomination of Major General  
Charles A. Cannon to the  
Quartermaster Hall of Fame.  
While his entire career has  
been extraordinary, of particular  
note was his superb command  
of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division's  
DISCOM during my tenure as  
Commanding General.  
Under his management and  
leadership we fully prepared  
several battalions for deployment



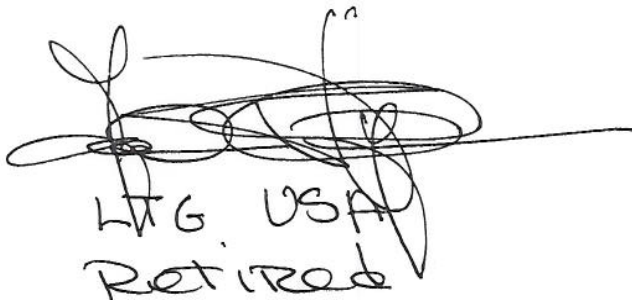
to Saudi Arabia in support of  
Operation Desert Storm, while  
simultaneously preparing rather  
significant amounts of major  
equipment and major end items  
for lateral transfer in full  
operational capability to the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Division in support  
of their deployment. Indeed  
that Division's successful  
deployment rests in large part  
on the shoulders of, then Colonel,  
Common's superb organization  
and leadership.

I can think of no one more  
deserving for induction into the  
Quadrangle Hall of Fame and  
am delighted and honored to  
be able to send my



personal support to his  
nomination.

I can be reached at  
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me.



LTJG USA  
Retired



28 December 2006

BG Mark Bellini  
CG 2nd Quartermaster Center & School

It is with great personal honor that I fully support the nomination of Major General (Retired) Charles C. Cannon Jr. to the Quartermaster Corps Hall of Fame. I can think of no officer who is more deserving of this significant recognition.

Charlie has dedicated his life to the Quartermaster Corps and to the soldiers and civilians of the Corps. He has led and commanded at every possible level in a brilliant and selfless manner. His positive, enthusiastic leadership style and deep concern for every mission and every soldier is the mark of a true leader.

MC Charlie Cannon has fully earned the honor of membership in the Quartermaster Corps Hall of Fame.

Very Respectfully, J. L. J. Usisk

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18 January 2007

Office of the Quartermaster General  
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Dear Mr. President:

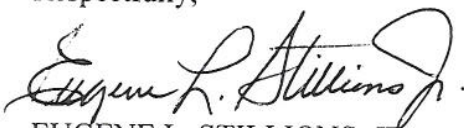
I strongly support the nomination of Major General Charles C. Cannon, Jr., for induction into the Quartermaster Hall of Fame in 2007. This distinguished nominee has a record of truly significant contributions to our Corps and our Army that meet the selection guidelines for the honor.

I have known Major General Cannon for more than thirty years. In 1977 he was a young Major serving as Executive Officer for the Petroleum Distribution System – Korea (PDSK). At that time I was serving Commander, US Army Materiel Support Center – Korea and Camp Carroll, Korea. As one of my tenant units the PDSK operated a major petroleum pipeline terminal facility on a part of Camp Carroll. This gave me a close view of Major General Cannon's performance and reputation. He was known by all as an outstanding performer with the highest integrity.

After my direct observation of Major General Cannon in Korea I monitored (closely for ten years) the remainder of his career and received frequent feedback from his peers and superiors regarding his performance. Consistently, the feedback was that he was an absolutely outstanding officer who was destined to assume greater responsibilities. He did progressively assume greater responsibilities for the remainder of his career that included his serving for fourteen months as Acting Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics (DCSLOG), Department of the Army, while the DCSLOG designee awaited confirmation. By all reports his performance as the acting staff principal was totally outstanding. Many senior officers opined to me that Cannon should have been confirmed and promoted as the staff principal to serve our Army during that time. I agree but his extended acting status did not detract from his outstanding performance of duty in the top logistics staff position in our Army.

Major General Cannon's contributions to the Quartermaster Corps meet and exceed the guidelines for selection for into the Quartermaster Hall of Fame. I know of no other officer more deserving. He should be selected and inducted this year.

Respectfully,



EUGENE L. STILLIONS, JR.  
Major General, USA (Ret.)  
The 39<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster General



Personal



15 Dec '06

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Quartermaster General  
United States Army —

It is with great and sincere privilege that I nominate Major General (ret) Charles C. Cannon for induction into the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps Hall of Fame.

Having served for and with General Cannon for the better part of ten years, in his years as a Senior General Officer, I can personally attest to his broad skill and talent; strategic level leadership; mentorship of subordinates; and love of soldiers. He was inclusive; not in the least amount parochial — an absolutely tremendous representative of the Quartermaster Corps. I can think of none more deserving of induction and none more worthy of my personal handwritten endorsement

Sincerely —

R. T. Jail LTG, USA

**OVERVIEW OF MILITARY SERVICE**  
**CHARLES C. CANNON, Jr.**  
**MAJOR GENERAL US ARMY (RETIRED)**

Military service included:

Commissioned Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Aug 1967  
Transferred to Quartermaster Corps, Nov 1969  
Continuous active duty from 31 Aug 1967 until 31 Aug 2001  
Retired 31 Aug 2001 as the Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Materiel Command

Commanded at all levels to include:

Scout Platoon Leader, D Company, 3d Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Carson, Colorado (1967-1968)

Commander, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 60<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, U.S. Army Vietnam (1968-1969)

Commander, 143d Supply and Service Company, 80<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Battalion, Fort Lewis, Washington (1970-1971)

Commander, 15<sup>th</sup> Supply and Transport Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas (1983-1985)

Commander, Division Support Command, 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Mechanized), United States Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany (1989-1991)

Commander, 3d Corps Support Command, V Corps, Germany (1992-1994)

Commander, IFOR Support Command, IFOR, Zagreb, Croatia (1996)

**MILITARY AWARDS AND EDUCATION  
OF  
CHARLES C. CANNON, Jr., MAJOR GENERAL, USA (RET)**

Awards and decorations include:

Defense Distinguished Service Medal  
Distinguished Service Medal  
Defense Superior Service Medal  
Legion of Merit (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters)  
Army Bronze Star Medal (with "V" Device)  
Bronze Star Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters)  
Purple Heart  
Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Army Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters)  
Air Medal  
Army Commendation Medal (with "V" Device)  
Army Commendation Medal (with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters)  
Army Achievement Medal  
Combat Infantryman Badge  
Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge  
Army Staff Identification Badge

Civilian Education:

Awarded a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Texas  
Awarded a Master of Science Degree from the Florida Institute of Technology

Military Education:

Basic Infantry Officers Course  
Quartermaster Officer Advanced Course  
Command and General Staff College  
Advanced Operational Studies Fellow



## Major General Charles C. Cannon, Jr.



Major General (Ret) Charles C. Cannon's culminating assignment was with the U.S. Army Materiel Command's (AMC) Chief of Staff October 13, 2000. Prior to this assignment, he served as the Acting Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, U.S. Army, Pentagon.

The General entered the Army upon completion of the Reserve Officer Training Corps Program at the University of Texas - Arlington as a Distinguished Military Graduate. He was commissioned a Regular Army Second Lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps, detailed to the Infantry on August 31, 1967. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and a Master of Science in Logistics Management from the Florida Institute of Technology. His military education includes completion of the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Quartermaster Officer Advanced Course, the United States Army Command and General Staff College and the Advance Operational Studies Fellowship.

Major General (Ret) Cannon has served in five divisions and his overseas assignments include Vietnam, Hawaii, Korea, three tours in Germany and one in Croatia. His initial assignment was as an Infantry Officer with the 3d Battalion, 10th Infantry, 5th Division (Mechanized). In 1968, he was assigned to 2d Battalion, 60th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division in Vietnam serving as a company commander then as the logistics staff officer.

After attending the Quartermaster Officer Advanced Course, he commanded the 143d Supply and Service Company, organized and ran the Basic Leadership Course and was a staff officer for the 19th Support Brigade at Fort Lewis, Washington. From 1972-1975, he served as a logistics planner in Headquarters, U.S. Army Pacific and Assistant G-4 (Logistics), 25th Infantry Division. After attendance at the Army Command and General Staff College and Florida Institute of Technology, he was the Executive Officer for the Petroleum Distribution System - Korea. He was then assigned to Headquarters, Department of the Army as a logistics programmer and later as Assistant Executive Officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics.

In 1982, he was assigned to the First Cavalry Division serving as Division Support Command Executive Officer and Commander of the 15th Supply and Transport Battalion. From 1985 to 1987, he was an Advance Operational Fellow at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. For the next four years, Major General (Ret) Cannon served in Germany, first as the Director for Bulk Fuels, 200th Theater Army Materiel Management Center and later as the Commander of the 8th Infantry Division (Mechanized) Support Command. In July 1991, he became Chief of the Logistics Planning Division on the Joint Staff.

In July 1992, he was promoted to Brigadier General and assumed command of the 3d Corps Support Command in Wiesbaden, Germany. From June 1994 until June 1996, he was assigned as the Vice-Director for Logistics, The Joint Staff. He was promoted to Major General in October 1995. He was assigned as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Department of the Army in June 1996. During this assignment, Major General (Ret) Cannon temporarily served as the Commander for Support Implementation Force (IFOR) Zagreb, Croatia from July 1996 until his return to the Pentagon in November 1996. In May 1999, Major General (Ret) Cannon became Acting Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Department of the Army.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Army Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device and three oak leaf clusters, the Purple Heart, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with "V" device and five oak leaf clusters, and the Army Achievement Medal. He also wears the Combat Infantry Badge, the Army Staff Identification Badge and the Joint Staff Identification Badge.



Major General CHARLES C. CANNON, JR.

